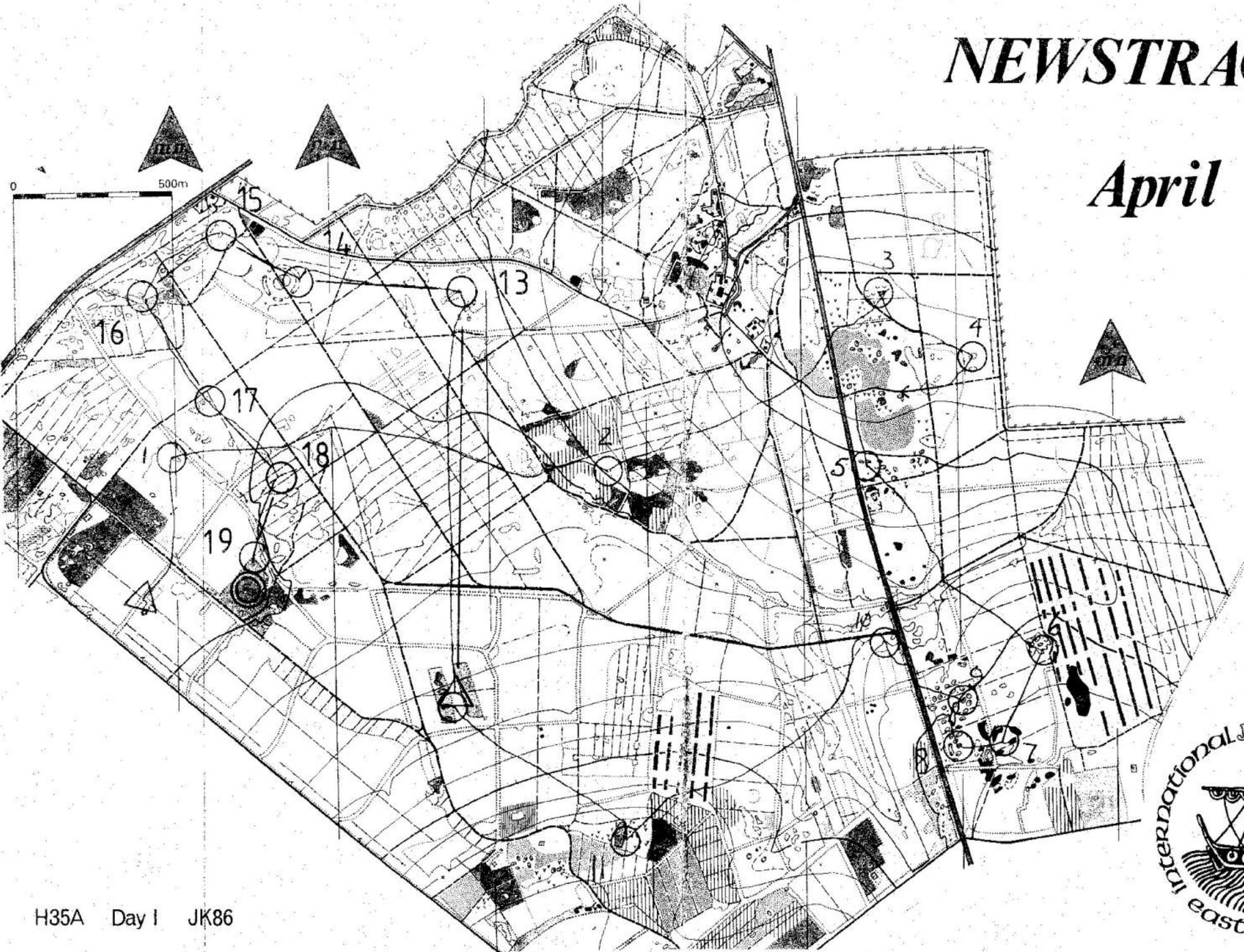


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## EDITORIAL

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Many of the reports in this newsletter have been written by Tony or myself, so beware, I shall be appointing reporters for the next two months' events. You can either volunteer now or live in fear.

I hope all experienced members will read Phyllis Mason's letter and blush with shame, as I did. I was there and it never crossed my mind to go and see how things were going at the 'other' Finish. Please accept my apologies, Phyllis.

## Club Competition

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This month's competition is for Juniors and Seniors. Plan a Yellow Course on the enclosed map. Prizes for best junior and senior entry. Judges include a regular sufferer of lousy Yellow courses. Hand your entry in to any Thornley by the end of May.

## Club News

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BUSINESS MEETING April 30th postponed to May 7th at the Wilkinson's because of clash with NOC inter-club event at Colwick. Sorry I have no details.

CLUB CHAMPS 16TH MAY Please let Mike Gardner know by 3rd May if you wish to compete. This major race will be followed by a social at 40 Jackson Road, Matlock. Entry is free as long as you bring some drink and a quiche, flan, trifle or similar offering, and will type some items for Newstrack.

# CHATSWORTH BADGE EVENT

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## Reflections after a Wet Day at Chatsworth

Do I qualify for status as an orienteer?

Is "wife of orienteer" an officially recognised position?

These thoughts I pondered whilst reading last months' *EMDS*, where Dave Brodie called for all orienteers to volunteer.

Certainly in my short time as "wife of occasional orienteer" I seem to have done one or two of the jobs Dave Brodie mentioned. We don't really want a gilt-edged personal invitation Dave, just more than a few hours notice when we are asked to undertake unexpected added responsibilities.

I was not amused at Chatsworth, when; having set up an elaborate string course finish, complete with funnel, tent, and our kitchen clock; I returned from setting out the string course, to find the string finish had suddenly become a colour coded finish. My husband had just realised that a cryptic little message, received the day before, meant that he was supposed to be organising the colour coded finish. He had innocently thought that he was just lending a hand if necessary, whilst also organising the string course.

However no-one seemed to notice that the string course finish, including manpower, had been shifted over to make an undermanned colour coded finish. (except us, and two very good friends - who I haven't seen since - who came to visit us, saw our predicament, and put in three hours hard work, they weren't orienteers either) It was fortunate that we came equipped with our tent, table, chairs, and half the office stationary, to do the string course, because they were more than needed for the 342 colour coded finishes. I'm only sorry there was no orange juice!

After this daunting experience I have a few comments:

1. Does DVO possess only one tent?

The rain falls just as heavily on a colour coded finish as it does on a more illustrious badge finish.

2. It is normal to keep string courses entirely separate from the rest of an event. They normally have a very simple map. There is no point in giving a 4 year old a 1-15,000 map to mark a 1.5k string course. String registration is usually at the beginning of the string, so you can physically show the children where the first control is.

3. It is nice for the string course to be as near the car park as possible, so parents can wait in comfort while offspring have a taste of independence. A long walk to the start can be tedious for adults, but for small children it can be enough to put them off altogether.

4. String courses require at least two adults to man them. At Chatsworth around 100 people found us. At the most hectic times we needed 4 helpers.

we only had two, one of whom had actually come to take her children round the course. She saw the mess I was in, and stopped to help. As a consequence of lack of manpower we had no results.

I retired, with my friend, our four children (one wrapped up in a sleeping bag suffering from chicken pox), at 1pm. I didn't have the opportunity to thank the people who cleared up after the string course. Especially the person who couldn't find one of the controls!

The <sup>4</sup> three families involved had a most unpleasant day, and went away without that satisfying feeling of a task completed properly. We are not in a hurry to repeat the experience.

I feel that in my capacity as "wife of volunteer orienteer" perhaps for the next few months, yes, I would like a gilt edged invitation to help, a minimum of two weeks in advance, so we can at least warn our children not to catch chicken pox.

Phyllis G. Mason.

Comment from Dave Walker

A small protest about the presenting of mementoes to "certain" officials at the above event.

I have no objection to the controller or the non-orienteeing computer man receiving some recognition for their services, but why some of the other officials? It was, after all, only a badge event. Surely the money would have been better spent on giving more or better prizes to the competitors.

The awarding of such items for work at an event always means someone is left out, and rather than upset any hardworking club members on the day my suggestion for future organisers of such events is to think twice before you do it.

Speaking for myself I spent at least thirty man hours processing entries (40% of which arrived after the closing date) and for up to four weeks before the event was besieged with telephone calls at all hours of the day. Others who deserve recognition are the mappers, string course organisers, assistant controller etc, etc.

I'm sure like we these members are not looking for a medal, so in future unless we are staging the British Championships or the J.K. let's make it club policy not to do this again."

Editor's comment: I am always staggered by the amount of voluntary work by unassuming individuals that goes into staging large events and, when I'm involved, by the ingratitude of your average competitor. I always resolve to write thank you letters, but never do. So on behalf of all competitors thank you all you hard-working DVD members who made Chatsworth the undoubted success it was.

and a comment from Rob Atkin

"I managed to crawl out of bed early enough to attend the first ever Chatsworth event. Undoubtedly many of my fellow competitors had an equally frustrating day. Firstly, having arisen unusually early, I was very disappointed not to get a glimpse of Halley's Comet which (according to my map) is not far from Stanton-in-Peak at the moment. Secondly, I had hoped to see Prince Andrew (a most reliable navigator) running for the Blue course; perhaps he had a far more pressing engagement at home. Enough of my disappointments - on to the orienteering. Oh dear, two starts, very confusing, however, I managed to find mine without losing control. I ran a colour coded course which proved by only stroke of luck on such a black day. Having been out only 3 hours on the Yellow Course I discovered I should be running Green! which I duly completed in a further 10 minutes. Hopefully I will not be disqualified again as the chap at the finish was most understanding. I am looking forward to the next event, hoping the organisation, planning etc., are equally fine. Meanwhile I will be fielding in the gully with my local cricket club if the captain has the courage to select me this season."

### New Members

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Welcome to the following new members:

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CORRECTION Steve Wilson, 1 Gwenbrook Avenue, Beeston, Notts

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Madam Editor

Following my brief note which you printed in December's Newstrack (but why confuse me, Andromeda Marsh, with that irksome scribe Bog?) one day I received a strange phone call (throughout the call I could hear the sound of heavy breathing and of feet crashing through forest undergrowth -- was this the equivalent of a car-phone, an O-phone carried on training runs?) After telling me that, far from being second-rate, DVD is a first-class club, etc, etc, my anonymous caller said why did I not join DVD instead of observing from the edge of the forest? Well, after negotiating the necessary loan from my friendly masonic bank-manager, I did join DVD, and have been training (ie tea-drinking and libellous gossip) in Allestree, and seen those too-short mantlepieces at Castle Wilkinson.

Encouraged by one Micky Gardener (DVD's non-running superstar) I have started going to what are known as events, but events seem to be always very cold and/or wet, with snow at Crich, snow at Greno, and snow at Wobin Wood -- cold feet, cold hands, numb brain, if it goes on like this I may hang up my smart new O-shoes. Today I returned frozen rigid from the Rivelin event, yes snow as usual, to find a post-card from my Aunt Jenny taking her winter-break in the West Indies. Talk about adding insult to injury, here's me with feet like blocks of ice, and there she is professing to be a keen orienteer yet sitting on a silver-sanded beach at 85 degrees in the shade "advising" me to persevere with with my orienteering apprenticeship and to enjoy it!

As a newcomer to DVD most people on the results list are only names, hence a few questions . . .

- 1 Does Dave Walker actually exist, or is this a cruel nickname for someone because of his method of progress through the forest?
- 2 Does Doug Bickenson suffer from dual personality problems as he appears to run both M19 and M40 on the same course?
- 3 As iron-fist chancellor Nicklin is presumably of such value (financially) to DVD, does DVD provide him with an armed bodyguard when he is in the forest?

Last week at Clipstone I was as usual suffering from frostbite ... (should organisers be obliged to provide a de-frosting service for competitors?) ... when a young lady (I know she was a lady because she was wearing pink trainers) told me to cheer up and think of events in the summer flogging through head-high bracken under a merciless midday sun. Madam editor, if it is true that O-events can take place other than in snow and ice, then perhaps I shall persevere (and enjoy it) with these arctic-style events and look forward to the French 5-days in July.

Yours till next time,

Andromeda Marsh

## EVENT REPORTS

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### MATLOCK STREET EVENT 5th March

The event proved much more popular than last year, although I was quite disappointed that few of our Matlock area members came along. Following a timely thaw earlier in the week, all of the ice had gone but some paths and tracks were very wet. It was very dark down Lumsdale and competitors without torches were unable to find clue 19. The swing seats at clue 7 had all been removed since I first planned the course.

As usual, I have assigned handicaps based on current fitness and local knowledge, which is very important for an event in Matlock with no contours on the map.

	Score	Handicap	Total
1 Dave Nevell	270	50	320
2 Tony Thornley	320	0	320
3 Steve Kimberley	280	30	310
4 Andy Thomson	274	30	304
5 Dave Brodie	253	40	293
6 Graham Johnson	250	40	290
7 Jo Thornley	180	110	290
8 Finlayson Family	150	120	270
9 Mike Gardner	160	110	270
10 Terry Peach	160	100	260
11 Frank Mason	135	120	255
12 Steve Davis	150	90	240
13 Chris Kemp	190	50	240
14 Paul Armstrong	198	30	228
15 Steve Kalaher	110	90	200
John Seaston	lost map		

John Hurley

### CLIPSTONE, 23rd February

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No report, but there was lots of snow, junior courses/Yellow were too hard (Controller told me "It was a hard yellow" - there should be no such thing!), and some meany Bingo controls in areas of young trees. Most of it was nice though. Random results:

Kim Buckley, 1st on W10  
 Zoe Wilkinson, 2nd by 1 second on W15A  
 T.Drew, 2nd on W17B  
 Judy Buckley, 1st on W35A  
 Mick Jubb, 2nd on M15A  
 Dougie Dickinson, 2nd on M17A  
 Steve Buckley, 1st on M35A

## CANNOCK CHASE, 9th March

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No report, but it was cold and wet and miserable and pretty fast. Again the Yellow course was too hard. Good results included:

Kim Buckley, 1st on W10  
Tessa Wilkinson, 2nd on W11A  
Zoe Wilkinson, 2nd on W15A  
John Seaston, 2nd on M15A  
Paul Armstrong, 1st M21A (short)  
Steve Buckley, 2nd M35A  
Roger Wilkinson, 2nd M40A  
John Cunniffe, 1st Blue course

## JK86, EAST ANGLIA

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Again, no-one's written a report, so I am improvising:

Day 1 and the Relay were on a flat and incredibly fast area of Thetford Forest (see map on cover). Winning times on the Elite course were under 5mins/km on the first day, which was nice and sunny. Individual day 2, on the North coast of Norfolk was quite different. All but the early starters got pretty wet, and the terrain was much more complex - a bit like thin strips of Cannock Chase, but with variable vegetation density. You needed to change gear quite dramatically after the high speeds of the previous day. Failure to do this led to several disastrous performances. Prize winners included Helen Finlayson (1st, W40B), Tony Thornley (1st, M35A), Zoe Wilkinson on W15A, Kim Buckley on W10A, and Roger Wilkinson on M40A. There may be others, but we have no results yet.

The Relay was back to 5min/km stuff, but with the added attraction of thunder and hailstorms for later runners. Highlight from a DVD viewpoint was Dave Brodie's second leg run, standing in for Roger Wilkinson in the M35 team. Having botched it almightily on the first day of the individual, he put in a good steady run to follow Steve Buckley's solid lead leg. A fine last leg by Tony Thornley gave DVD a good win. The question is, how will the M35 team for the British Relays be selected? (Answer: run Men's Open and give someone else a chance)

W35 team of Judy B., Jenny T. and Jo T just failed, yet again, to win. Jo caught Margaret Jagan of EPOC on the last leg, but made a blunder at the end to come in second. Dave Nevell had a superb run on the first leg of the Open relay, coming in second. Don't know what happened after that though.

The JK was very well organised. The courses were good, and the controls were fair. The organisation creaked at times, notably at the prize-giving and at the Relay (no times were put up on my course). But for a 'young' region with limited resources it was a good effort. N.Yorks moors next year.....

## ABOLITION OF THE BADGE EVENT

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I write as the newest recruit to the movement for the abolition of badge events. Having spent a considerable time recently dealing with Badge Event entries and subsequently studying results of recent Badge Events I conclude that outside National Events many competitors treat these as an opportunity to run up a class (or several classes) thus devaluing the performances of those competing within their respective classes. Quite frequently we see M50's, M45's and W21's competing in the M21A class, so lets forget the expensive Badge Events and put on some cheaper Colour Coded ones, even in some of our better areas.

In order to satisfy those competitors who find the existing Colour Coded structure lacking in choice, I suggest adding where possible a Black Course of 9km+ which should accomodate the elite, and a short technical course of 3-4km to suit the more senior ladies and juniors who require something more technical than the Orange Course (Green Courses seem to be getting longer nowadays).

Perhaps E.M.G.A. would like to organise a referendum on this issue via EMEWS. How about it!

Dave Walker

## Competition Results

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Winners of the crossword competition in the last issue are Zoe and Tessa Wilkinson.

Apologies from the crossword compiler for omitting a clue for 5 Down in the last issue. It should have been "Not the Bottom" and the answer was TDP. However, tip, tap or even tup are acceptable!

## EAST MIDLAND CHAMPIONS

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The following became East Midland Champions at Chatsworth:

Kim Buckley W10	C. Godfree M10
Tessa Wilkinson W11	Alistair Buckley M11
Zoe Wilkinson W15	Doug Dickenson M17
Roz Clayton W21	Peter Berwick M19
Judy Buckley W35	Dave Nevell M21
Jenny Tennant W45	Steve Buckley M35

## Derbyshire Round

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Saturday July 5th

This year's race is being organised by last year's winners MDOC. It is likely to be a Cheshire and Dark Peak round, as distinct from a Derbyshire round. Teams have to contain up to 20 runners, with at least two from each of the following age groups:

M/W13 and under	M/W17 and under
M/W40 and over	M/W50 and over

At least 4 of the team have to be female.

Leg lengths are likely to vary between 4 and 12km.

If you would like to run, please contact Steve Buckley (0332 552664).

## COMPASSPORT CUP

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Despite a 3 hour long coach trip, hailstorms and bitterly cold weather the club secured a victory against EBOR at Briham Rocks. Congratulations to all scorers.

AIRIENTEERS will no doubt field a strong team against us at BLIDWORTH. Let's hope that we can equal last Sunday's performances.

Jo Thornley

DVO 80 EBOR 46

A	Dave Nevell	6	Steve Kimberley	5	John Hurley	4
B	Tony Thornley	6	Steve Buckley	5	Dave Brodie	1
C	Roger Wilkinson	6	Dougie Dickenson	5	Roz Clayton	4
D	John Seaston	6	Mike Jubb	5	Judy Buckley	3
E	Zoe Wilkinson	6	Lara Dickenson	4	Deborah Wilkinson	3
F	Tessa Wilkinson	6	David Godfree	3	Heidi Dickenson	2

The article below was printed in "The Manchester Evening News" on February 17th after the SELOC Badge Event on Turton Moor the day before.

Read and take heed!

Paul Seaston

# Paul, the man who cheated icy death

A MAN was rescued only minutes from death after collapsing exhausted on snow-covered moorland.

Paul Wright, — an orienteer — was spotted by an orienteering event officials and the Bolton Mountain Rescue team was able to bring him to safety from Turton Moor on the outskirts of Bolton.

Mr Wright aged 24, of the Peak Forest and Pendle Orienteering Club, was suffering from severe hypothermia and was barely conscious when the rescue team reached him.

More than 550 people were taking part in the event organised by the South East Lancashire Orienteering Club and Mr Wright, of Colne, was taking part.

When he had not returned within two hours, race marshal Mark Seddon found him lying on the ground unable to continue. He gave him

some of his clothes before alerting the rescue team.

When rescue team members Bob Hutchinson, Gillian Charles, Lucy Merritt and Ivor Makinson reached Paul, they built a shelter around him and after half an hour he had warmed up sufficiently for him to be moved by stretcher through deep snow to a waiting Land-Rover and then on to Bolton Royal Infirmary.

Rescue team deputy leader Mr David Dorgan said today: "He was in a serious condition, suffering from severe exposure. The hypothermia had set in and we would only give him another half hour."

Mr Wright was later allowed home from hospital with orders to rest. Event organiser Mr Alan Wilson said when the runners set out it was above freezing, there was no snow falling and each contestant was checked to ensure they were adequately protected from blinding winds.

## Winster Wakes Event

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Wednesday 2nd July, 6pm

Once again, by popular demand, I will be organising an event as part of Winster Wakes Week.

It will be a score event, 45 mins for Juniors, 60 mins for seniors, using a black and white map of dubious scale and origins.

The terrain is urban and rough open with walls and crags. Meet and start at the Bowling Green pub, East Bank, Winster. Starts between 6pm and 7pm. Valuable prizes may or may not be awarded. Small entry fee. Further info from Frank Mason, 0629 88738.

## Crich Chase Training

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Wednesday 23rd April, 6.30

Dave Brodie is planning technique training on a 'brown only' map. This means that the map shows only the brown features: contours, gullies, depressions, knolls etc. There will be a long course and a short course. Meet at the car park beside the A6 1mile North of the A610/A6 junction at Ambergate. Starts 6.30-7.30. Don't forget your compass!

## Markers and Punches \*\*\*\*\*

As a co-planner of the Chatsworth Event, I spent some time amidst a vast pile of DVD markers and punches. Roger Wilkinson and family also devoted a lot of energy to sorting them, and taping punches to canes. As a result of these experiences, can I suggest the following:

1. That the punches are left taped to the canes. The problems of dangling/tangling punches have been solved by restraining them with elastic bands. When the cane is put out, the punches can be removed from the band, and the band left on the top of the cane. When they are collected in, the punches are put back in the band before allowing them to tangle with other punches. This system is far quicker and easier than carrying punches separately.
2. I drilled many canes and fitted paper clips to them. These allow markers to be hung quickly and easily: hook the marker string over the clip, then wrap it round the clip once clockwise. When collecting the markers, one anticlockwise twist and the marker is released. There are no problems of knots or tape.
3. The state of many of the markers is poor. I think DVD (with some of the money from Chatsworth?) should buy a lot of blank markers. I am sure we could devise a way of fixing the code direct to the cane (via a pin through the top of the cane?). This would make putting markers out easier (no problems about marker codes), and remove the problem of markers being messed up by being written on. Planners would just need a set of postcard size double-sided codes with fixing device, blank markers and canes.

Tony Thornley

## Data Protection Act \*\*\*\*\*

Club members should be aware that their membership details are stored on computer. The details are used for newsletter distribution and to produce a membership list. The club is required under the Act to inform you that if you have any objection to the information being stored in this way, you must inform me in writing of your objections. If you wish, your name will be removed from the list. DVD currently stores name (+ names of other orienteers in family), age, address and phone number.

Ian Whitehead

FIXTURES  
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20th April

National Event 4. Bleathwaite and Torver,  
Coniston. B.Comish, 26,Newlands Rd.,Lancaster  
£3.00/1.50 to SROC by 15.3.86  
NVD Badge Event, Harlestone Firs, Northampton  
(MR 717632). B.Tarling, 15,Northampton  
Rd.,Brixworth, N'hampton by 30.3.86 or EOD.  
£1.50/0.75.

23rd April

CRICH contour only event. Details above.  
15th Matlock Scouts fund raising Fun Run/10km  
race. Register at Scout Hut (on L of A615 on  
way out of Matlock) at 6.30. Please support  
- 5 DVD members belong to the 15th Matlock.

27th April

DVD Open Event, Hay Wood and Longshaw (MR  
245779). Off B6001 N. of Grindleford Bridge.  
Starts 1030-1230. Phone W.Woodward 0629  
88323.

3rd/4th/5th May

National Event 5/British Relay Champs, Forest  
of Dean.

10th May

LEI Badge Event, Bradgate Park (GR 523117).  
G.Spalton, 5,Shearsby Clo, Wigston Magna,  
Leics. £2.00/£1.00. CD 28.04.86 + EOD

11th May

DVD Technique morning, Hay Wood. Info from Jo  
Thornley, 0629 55589.  
Little John Relays, Welbeck Coll, Worksop. GR  
563744. Tel 0909 484483.

16th May

Club Champs, Shining Cliff. Lunatic event  
based on grossly unfair handicap system.  
Contact Mike Gardner, 0332 552117.

18th May

DVD Open Event, Cromford Moor. GR 313553.  
Tel 0332 511722.

25th May

British Champs, near Dingwall, Inverness.

1st June National VI Wharnccliffe, Sheffield. Sue Corbishley, 89 Cundy St., Sheffield S6 2WJ by 27.4.86. £3.00/£1.00. EOD for CCCourses.

4th June CRICH star relay (i.e. I'll be there to sign autographs). Info from John Hurley 0332 553561.

8th June Friar Tuck Event, Leen Valley Country Park GR 568470. Tel 0602 231967.  
WCH Open Event, Hawksmoor GR 040442. Tel 0785 663797.

15th June LEI event, Grace Dieu GR 438166.  
Matlock Half Marathon - details from Tony Thornley.

20th June EM inter-club match, Drum Hill. Info from Andy Thomson Ripley 47781.

22nd June EPOC Badge Event, Bingley St.Ives GR 092390.  
B.Parkinson, 24 Sutton Dri., Cullingworth, Bradford by 31.5.86. £2.00/£1.00.

2nd July Winster Wakes Orienteering Event. See item above.

5th July Dark Peak/Cheshire Relay. DVD team(s) needed.  
See details above.

2nd/3rd August Welsh O'Ringen. Beddgelert (JK84 Day 1 area - rather nice).

16th-19th August Mammoth Weekend. Haweswater area. Discounts for early entries. Frank Rose, 1 Birchvale Drive, Romiley, Stockport.

23rd-25th August White Rose Weekend. Dalby Forest

7th September DVD Whitesprings Event. Info from Steve Kimberley, ???

5th October DVD Drum Hill event. Info from Mike Jubb, 0332 558828.

8th/9th November

Midland Night Champs and Badge Event, Matlock Forest. Offers of help to Jo Thornley.

EOD entry on the day

Open event - a colour-coded event with entry on the day only  
Badge event - Event which is part of National Badge Scheme, usually one has to enter in advance because pre-marked maps are provided.

Start-times are usually between 10.30 and 12.30 on Sundays.

Trainings:

1st and 3rd Weds in any month at Wilkinsons, Duffield, 7pm

2nd, 4th and 5th Weds at Buckleys, Allestree, 7pm

1st Mon at Thornleys, Matlock, 6pm

3rd Mon at Gilligans, Matlock, 6pm

Business meetings : last Wed of month, Buckleys, about 8pm.

To end on a light-hearted note here is a glossary of terms from 'Claptrap':

legend - foot

depression - what we all suffer from from time to time

ruin - the effects of the above

fence - go-between

ditch - throw-out

gully - cricketer

contour - holiday on which you get ripped off

re-entrant - candidate who failed last time

stile - some have it others don't

platform - for orienteers who have the gift of the gab

young trees - what the older feller must leave alone

control - something frequently lost

punch - what you feel like doing to the planner

run - what to do when threatened

pond - face cream

scrub - in the bath afterwards!

map - artist's impression

vegetation boundary - between the carrots and cabbage in the Ed.'s garden

spur - horsemen use them

wall - marathoners often hit them

tripod - something peculiar to NDC (certainly alien to DVO)

waterhole - drinks station

arboreal oddity - record by well-known male vocalist

form lines - for students of the swopart of kings

knoll - abbreviation for know all

Boulder - a place in U.S.A.

steep bank - where overdraft is most expensive

planner - chap at County Hall

stream - what the eyes do when lost

thick - not very clever

Heather - girl I once knew

BOF - chap on breakfast time